Title: Need to conduct an inquiry on hardship and inconvenience caused to the people of Kerala due to two news bulletins in regional language, Malayalam on `Anti Polio Day'.

SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN (QUILON): I would like to raise a very serious matter. Yesterday, the 6th December, was observed as `Anti-polio Day' and mass polio vaccination was conducted throughout the country. Unfortunately, due to the security angle, in Kerala and the North-East, it has been changed to another day, that is, on 13th December. But it is quite unfortunate to note that the All India Radio news bulletins in regional language, Malayalam, that is, in the morning at 7.25 and also at 12.50, it has been announced that the polio vaccination will be conducted on 6th December itself. But what happened was that thousands of common people and middle-class people had moved to the dispensaries and the places where it would be done. It has resulted in much hardship and inconvenience to the people of Kerala, especially due to these two news bulletins.

The DAVP spends on publicity. They have been giving advertisement by spending crores and crores of rupees for all these days. What has happened to that? Much hardship and inconvenience has been caused to the people of Kerala due to the news bulletins, which had been published yesterday. Some inquiry has to be conducted and proper action has to be taken in the matter.

MR. CHAIRMAN :All right.

SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : The Minister is sitting there. ... (Interruptions)

MR. CHAIRMAN: I cannot compel him to react here.

... (Interruptions)

SHRI AJIT JOGI : Shri Naik is sitting here. He should take a note of it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He has taken a note of it. ... (Interruptions)

SHRI AJIT JOGI : Some action should be taken against the officials who are responsible for it.

SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : Crores and crores of rupees are spent on publicity.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I think, the hon. Minister will take a note of it.

SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : It has been shifted three days back. ... (Interruptions) The decision had been taken three days back. Unfortunately, it has come out in the yesterday's newspapers.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Shri Premchandran, I cannot compel the hon. Minister to react. He is taking a note of it.